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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SAUDI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SYRIA

1. COMMERCIAL OFFICER RECENTLY SAW MR. PETER WRIGHT, OF UNITED SHOE COMPANY. MR. WRIGHT WAS HERE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN ARAB ARMY FOR BOOT/SHOE FACTORY TO FULFILL LOCAL MILITARY NEEDS.

2. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, MR. WRIGHT MENTIONED HE HAD JUST VISITED SYRIA WHERE HE HAD COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS WITH SARG FOR LARGE SHOE MANUFACTURING COMPLEX WORTH APPROXIMATELY 20 MILLION DOLLARS. WRIGHT STATED HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY SYRIAN MINISTER OF RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT THAT PROJECT COMPLETELY FINANCED BY SAUDI ARABIA, AS WERE SOME 32 OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS EITHER UNDERWAY OR SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SHORTLY. MR. WRIGHT OPINED THAT IN HIS EXPERIENCE, SHOE FACTORIES USUALLY VERY LOW PRIORITY AND IF 32 OTHER PROJECTS BEING ACCOMPLISHED WITH SAUDI ASSISTANCE, THEN TOTAL INVOLVEMENT MUST BE VERY GREAT.

3. MR. WRIGHT COULD NOT GIVE ANY FURTHER DETAILS, AND WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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